

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 2-6, 8-10 and 13 have been amended. Claims 1, 7 and 18 have been cancelled.

Therefore, claims 2-6, 8-17 and 19-22 are presented for examination.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 6, 8 and 18 would be allowable if amended to include the features of the base claims.

Claims 1-5, 9-17 and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over applicant's admissions on page 1-2 ("APA"). In addition, claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over APA in view of Storer (U.S. Patent No. 4,876,541). Applicant submits that the above rejections have been obviated by the amendment of the claims to conform to the allowable subject matter indicated in the Office Action.

Thus, applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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